

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 28 are pending in the application. Claims 1 to 28 have been rejected. Reconsideration of the claims is requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-11, 13-14, 16-18, 20-22, and 24-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being unpatentable by Bonilla et al. Claims 3, 8, 12, 15, 19, 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Bonilla et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Independent claims 1, 6, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 26 and 27 specify that each simplex power receptacle includes a respective housing, a feature that is neither disclosed nor suggested by Bonilla et al. Rather, Bonilla et al. discloses a poke though fitting wherein a single housing (receptacle 34) presents four power outlets 18. The power outlets 18 of Bonilla clearly are not "separately formed simplex power receptacles" because they all share a common housing and also share common bus bar elements as shown in Figures 1 and 4. Further, regarding claims 16 and 27, Bonilla et al. does not disclose or suggest four communication/data jacks "arranged within a longitudinal row." Rather, the voce/data jacks 20 in Bonilla et al. are arranged in a radial configuration.

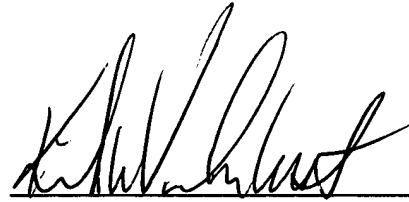
In view of the above, claims 1 to 28 are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicants' undersigned attorney at (312) 775-8000 if any unresolved matters remain.

Fee Payment and Authorization

Please charge any fees due in connection with this submission and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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